## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: : Chapter 11

Old BPSUSH, Inc., et al., : BK Case No. 16-12373-(BLS)

Debtors.

THESEUS STRATEGY GROUP LLC,

Appellant,

v. : C. A. No. 20-1450-MN : BAP No. 20-46

KAREN BARSA, JOAN DEA, C. MICHAEL: JACOBI, MATTHEW MANNELLY, : BERNARD McDONELL, BOB : NICHOLSEON, MARK VENDETTI, and :

JULIE ZALESKI,

Appellees.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

At Wilmington this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 2(a) of the Procedures to Govern

Mediation of Appeals from the United States Bankruptcy Court for this District dated

September 11, 2012, the court conducted an initial review, which included information

from counsel, to determine the appropriateness of mediation in this matter;

WHEREAS, as a result of the above screening process, the issues involved in this case are not amenable to mediation and mediation at this stage would not be a productive exercise, a worthwhile use of judicial resources nor warrant the expense of the process.

The parties have previously engaged in settlement discussions without

success. Because of the current procedural process, it is unlikely that mediation in this matter will result in a resolution.

The parties request that the following briefing schedule be entered in this matter:

Appellant's Opening Brief February 1, 2021

Appellees' Opposition Brief March 15, 2021

Appellant's Reply Brief April 15, 2021

The delayed briefing is requested because of a scheduling conflict for counsel for the Appellant, who are currently engaged in preparation for a for a bankruptcy confirmation hearing and hearing schedule in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED that, pursuant to paragraph 2(a) Procedures to Govern Mediation of Appeals from the United States Bankruptcy Court for this District and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), this matter be withdrawn from the mandatory referral for mediation and proceed through the appellate process of this Court. No objections are anticipated pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), FED. R. CIV. P. 72(a) and D. DEL. LR 72.1, since this Recommendation is consistent with the parties' request.

Local counsel are obligated to inform out-of-state counsel of this Order.

/s/ Mary Pat Thynge
Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thynge

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